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Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Military spouses and their children celebrate Black History Month at the library with Story Time & Craft, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb. 25. Librarians read the book "Jaba This, Jaba That," which originated as a rhythmic folk book in Africa. Children had a chance to make maracas for music time.

On The Cover:

Front photo by: Carlos Guerra

Members of the Special Reaction Team at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. move toward the site of an "active shooter" during an exercise, Feb. 24. They are laying down communications cable to allow negotiations with the gunman, who has taken five "hostages." The training exercise involved a variety of scenarios designed to test emergency response and to allow medical teams to assist the injured as early as possible. The "threat" was active for approximately two hours until the "shooter" was subdued.



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Expect the best but train for the worst
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Outside of the American Embassy a man lies dead in the street, killed and dumped by members of a violent mob as a graphic threat to others. MORE

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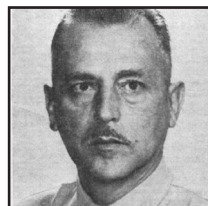
Military fathers and their children attend a Daddy 'N Me event aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb. 12. The Valentine event encouraged family bonding with a picnic dinner, crafts, photo creations, games and prizes.

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Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and are in need of leave donations:

Wanetta Blackwell

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Sharing Program may do so by obtaining a leave donor application from the Human Resources Office. Ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well.

For more information, contact Michelle Cunningham at 577-6915.

Play Morning

New Parent Support in conjunction with Marine Corps Family Team Building and Victor Community Support Services invites all active duty and their dependents with children to attend Play Morning every Friday, 9 a.m., at the Desert View Housing Community Center. There will be singing, stories, crafts, and play-time. For more information, contact New Parent Support at 760-577-6533.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness, Prevention & Education

Throughout February, organizations and individuals nationwide are coming together to highlight the need to educate young people about dating violence, teach healthy relationship skills and prevent the devastating cycle of abuse. For more information, contact Marine & Family Programs at 760-577-6533.

Story Time & Craft celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

Library services will be presenting "Grab your Hat and Read with the Cat," a return to the beloved Dr. Seuss tale of mischief as they celebrate the joy of reading across the nation at Library Services located at Bldg. 17, Monday, March 2 at 10 a.m. Join Thing 1 and Thing 2 for photos with Cat in the Hat, games and more! For more information, please call 760-577-6395.

Triple P Parenting Class

Raise happy, confident kids! Set family rules and routines that everyone respects and follows, argue less, balance work and family without constant stress and worry. Triple P is a Positive Parenting Program shown to help families in all types of situations. For children 0-12, join "Raising Resilient Children" at 9:30 a.m. and for teens, join the "Getting Teens Connected" class at 1:30 p.m. You can register at triplep2015.eventbrite.com For more information call 760-577-6533.

Desert Lanes Grand Re-Opening Glo-Bowl

Come Join us for the grand re-opening of Desert Lanes Bowling Center on Friday, Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. Bowl in a club-like atmosphere with new bowling machines, balls, seating, shoes and pins. All ages welcome! All bowlers will receive a "Glowing Giveaway" with purchase of their first game. For more information call 760-577-6264.

Career Resource

If you are looking for employment, check out the weekly employment listing provided by the Career Resource Center at www.mccsbarstow.com/careerresource.html. For employment job search, or resume writing assistance, call the Career Resource Program at 760-577-6533.

Mammoth Mountain Tickets

Pre-order tickets now through April 20; blackout dates apply. For information contact ITT at 577-6541.

Bear Mountain/ Snow Summit Tickets

Tickets are now available through March 15 at Information, Tours and Tickets. For information call ITT at 760-577-6541.

Green Eggs & Ham Family Restaurant

Come support your Single Marines and celebrate a St. Patrick's Day Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast on Tuesday, March 17 at 7 a.m. For more information call 760-577-5889.

Energy Tip:

Use less lighting by taking advantage of natural lighting or task lighting instead of large overhead lights. Always turn off the lights when you leave the room.



Courtesy Photos

Incoming Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Ronald Green addresses guests during the relief and appointment ceremony, held at the Marine Corps War Memorial, Friday, February 20, 2015.



Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps changes hands

Story by Cpl. Cuong Le
Defense Media Activity - Marines

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. - The 17th Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Micheal Barrett relinquished his post to the 18th Sgt. Maj. Ronald Green on Feb. 20, 2015, at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

With the passage of a simple sword symbolizing the responsibility of taking care of the Marines and sailors, who make up America's premiere fighting force, that responsibility now rests in the hands of Green.

The post of sergeant major of the Marine Corps was established in 1957 and fills the function of advising the commandant of the Marine Corps about enlisted matters. The post was the first of its kind in all four branches of the United States Armed Forces. In 1970, an Eagle, Globe, and Anchor flanked by two five-point stars was added to the rank insignia as opposed to a single five-point stars worn by other Marine Corps sergeants major.

"As we say goodbye to the 17th sergeant major of the Marine Corps we are fortunate to have another Marine step up as our 18th sergeant major of the Marine Corps," said General Joseph F. Dunford, the commandant of the Marine Corps. "Sgt. Maj. Ronald Green has established himself as a superb Marine leader over the course of 31 years."

Barrett has fulfilled the duties of the post since 2011, providing guidance on enlisted matters, such as training, education, compensation, quality of life, bachelor enlisted quarters, on-base housing, and family support programs. All this while the Corps finished its operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and began restructuring to meet the needs of the United States of America.

"The Corps is in great hands will continue to be in great hands, because there is no shortage of young people to put on the cloth of this nation," said Barrett, the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, retired. "I am leaving with a happy heart."



Active Shooter Training

Photos and story by
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MCLB Barstow Active Shooter Incident

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, Calif. – A lone gunman has been reported on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, at approximately 8:40 a.m. on Feb 24.

Captain Charles MacNeil, incident commander and captain with the Marine Corps Police Department advised that a full response, to include Marine Corps police and Special Reaction Team, fire and medical personnel and Marine Corps Security Augmentation Force have arrived on scene and are assessing the situation. Injuries have been reported.

Further information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

For more information contact the MCLB Barstow Public Affairs Office at 577-xxxx

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The media release to the left was part of a full-scale active shooter training exercise held aboard MCLB Barstow, Feb. 24, under the watchful eyes of the Regional Exercise Team West and Marine Corps Installations West Camp Pendleton. The exercise, which included fake wounds, was intended to assess the capability of first responders to coordinate and establish the facilities necessary to conduct on-site incident management, and to evaluate the Marine Corps Police Department and Security Augmentation Force as they establish and maintain a safe perimeter, address life safety and terminate the threat.

Danny Strand, director of Security and Emergency Services aboard MCLB Barstow, explained that special attention was focused on embedding fire and medical personnel with law enforcement officers in order to make an early tactical entrance to a site which may still pose a threat. In real-world scenarios, this would allow medical teams the ability to tend to victims as early as possible and thereby save lives, emphasized Strand.



Role-players add authenticity to simulated crises

Story by:
Cindy McIntyre
Editorial Assistant



Photo by Carlos Guerra

If you speak the language of a Middle Eastern country, can obtain a security clearance, and are willing to act the role of an opposition culture in traditional clothing, you might qualify to work as a role-player in military exercises.

The Armed Forces can choose from several contractors that provide civilians skilled in various Middle Eastern languages and Arabic dialects, and who play the role of imams, angry villagers, government officials, soldiers, and interpreters. These role-players may staff military base "combat towns" made to look like Iraqi or Afghan villages, complete with mosques, homes, and outdoor markets. Or they can participate in specific military scenarios.

Recently, role-players gave authenticity to an embassy reinforcement exercise held at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb. 9 - 12. Several men and women of Middle Eastern descent gave Marines of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command 15.2 a taste of what it was like to be in a hostile situation among people of an unfamiliar culture.

Two Iraqi-born women hired by Glacier Technical Solutions, a certified Alaska Native Corporation, were comfortable speaking about their participation only if their last names were not used.

Eleshwa has worked in retail where she lives in Redlands, Calif., and has been in America since 1982. She worked as a linguist with the U. S. military in Iraq from 2008 to 2010.

"It's all about respect," said Eleshwa of the cultural awareness training she and the other role-players provide. Americans can inadvertently insult someone in a host country when they don't understand the culture and traditions.

Gina, who works for an insurance company near Los Angeles, said, "Once a young soldier put his foot on a table (to kick back in a chair), but in our culture it's an insult to put a foot in front of (someone's) face."

"And it's an insult if you don't eat food that is offered to you," added Eleshwa. "Even if you don't like the food, you need to take it."

"They (Iraqis) are very generous," said Gina, who has been in America for 34 years.

The women participated in an impromptu Muslim funeral during the exercise. The mourners walked around the embassy carrying the shroud-covered "body" of a protester, slapping themselves, hitting their heads and chests, chanting and lamenting. The men also fired rifles, which is something Middle Easterners often do during funerals, weddings, and other events, according to Eleshwa.

Marine Pfc. Mario Martinez was one of the "Middle Eastern" role-players during the funeral and the embassy protests. "I kind of felt like them a little," he said of the protesters.

"So, we wear the same shoes," said Eleshwa, smiling. Lesson learned.

Martinez, who is from Chicago but was born in Escondido, Calif., is in the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. "I jumped over the fence and stole some knee pads to test out their (the Marine guards') security," he said.

Khaled Abdulkader, a GTS role-player and an Army Reservist who deployed to Iraq in 2007, said there are 22 Arabic-speaking countries, but many, such as Iraq, have dialects that people from other Arabic countries may not understand. He has given cultural awareness training that covered Islamic religion, history and traditions. "It was an open discussion where soldiers asked questions such as how to tell a Sunni from a Shia, or a Christian from a Muslim."

He encouraged young warriors preparing to deploy to set aside their video games and spend 15 minutes on the computer, researching the culture for themselves. "A lot of human civilization started in Iraq," said Abdulkader, who was born and raised in Kuwait.

These role-players say they miss many aspects of their lives in the Middle East, such as the close community ties and the active social life. "We'd go in and out of each other's houses," said Eleshwa. "They say your neighbor is closer to you than your brother who lives in a different city."



Main road through base named after popular Marine officer

Story by:
Keith Hayes
 Public Affairs Specialist

The popularity of a Marine officer stationed aboard what was then Marine Corps Supply Center caused base officials to ignore tradition of naming streets on Marine bases after famous battles, and named the street after him instead.

Lt. Col. Joseph L. Boll began his tour here December 7, 1962, as Director of Materiel Division and Commanding Officer of Materiel Battalion.

He died of a heart attack in September of 1964, and a great effort was made to name a part of the base after Boll, but it was originally denied.

Instead, on March 29, 1965, the main road through the base - old Route 66 - was renamed after a famous World War I battle, "Belleau Wood."

But a persistent effort to honor the memory of Boll continued and permission was granted less than six weeks later to rename the street Joseph L. Boll Avenue.

Boll was considered to be one of the most capable administrative managers to ever serve at MCSC. His outstanding leadership ability earned him admiration and he developed a host of friends at the Center.

The popular lieutenant colonel earned his commission May 6, 1943, at Los Alamitos, Calif., after attending the Naval Aviation Cadet School there. During World War II he saw action in the South Pacific.

After the second "war to end all wars," and prior to being stationed at MCSC, Boll served at 3rd Force Service Regiment on Okinawa, Japan; Terminal Island, Long Beach; Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro; Marine Aircraft Group 21 on Guam; Cherry Point, N.C.; Marine Barracks, Yokosuka, Japan; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Camp Pendleton; Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. and Albany, Ga.



AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



Photo: Cpl. Tyler Giguere

PYEONGCHANG-GUN, South Korea - Republic of Korea Marines hike a 35-km path up a mountain Jan. 15 during Korean Marine Exchange Program 15-3 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. The ROK Marines were training for mountain warfare and snow mobility warfare alongside their U.S. counterparts from Alpha Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The ROK Marines are force reconnaissance men with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division.



Photo: Lance Cpl. William Hester

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California - An assault breacher vehicle races towards the objective as artillery provides suppressing fire Feb. 9, during the battalion assault course at Integrated Training Exercise 2-15. ABVs are used to clear areas of mines and other ordnance for ground troops and vehicles to move through. During the BAC the ABVs fire a mine-clearing line charge to simulate destroying enemy ordnance. The Marines operating the ABV are with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.



Photo: Cpl. Joshua Murray

Utapao Royal Thai Navy Airfield, Sattahip, Thailand - U.S. Marines and Royal Thai Navy firefighters douse a fire inside the shell of an old airplane during a fire response scenario for exercise Cobra Gold Feb. 18 at Utapao Royal Thai Navy Airfield, Kingdom of Thailand. Exercise Cobra Gold is an annual exercise designed to increase cooperation, interoperability and collaboration among partner nations in order to achieve effective solutions to common challenges.



Photo: Sgt. Melissa Karnath

FORT SILL, Oklahoma - Marines from the Marine Artillery Detachment at Fort Sill, Oklahoma gather around Marine veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams after a ceremony held to honor Iwo Jima veterans and their service February 19, 2015. Williams is the last surviving veteran who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the battle for Iwo Jima.

(Right) MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, North Carolina - Marines with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion set up an explosive charge that will blast open the locked door during their urban breaching training exercise on Engineer Training Area-1 aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 19. During the training, the unit learned how to open any type of door, gate or roof using a wide variety of tools from explosives to shotguns and sledge hammers.



Photo: Cpl. Michelle Reif

Reconciliation, Redemption, and the Beloved Community of Martin Luther King Jr.

Commentary by:

Cindy McIntyre

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He was pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, co-founder of the NAACP in Georgia, and successful organizer of a voter registration drive to get the white school board to build the first black high school in Atlanta. He also led a successful boycott of businesses that advertised in a racist newspaper, causing it to fold.

No, it wasn't the man you're thinking of. It was his maternal grandfather, the Rev. Adam Daniel Williams.

Later, an Ebenezer pastor took a leading role in organizing black teachers who wanted the same pay as whites. He also marched his congregation to City Hall to register to vote in an era of literacy tests, broken "colored only" elevators, and other humiliations.

Wrong again. It was his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr.

Many people credit the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with inventing this kind of social activism. In reality, he had examples of many unsung heroes who paved the way, primarily his father and grandfather. Both preached against racial and economic injustice. Not only that, they did something about it, because they believed it was their biblical duty to do so.

In his autobiography "Daddy King," Dr. King's father said, "In the act of faith, every minister became an advocate for justice. In the South, this meant an active involvement in changing the social order all around us."

Daddy King also preached "don't hate," even when his son was assassinated, and when his wife was gunned down by a mentally ill man in the Ebenezer sanctuary in 1974.

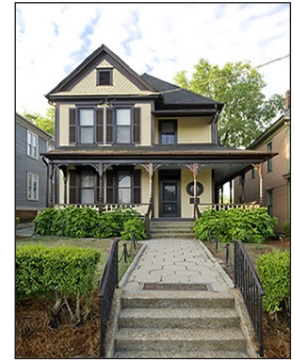
So this is the background to Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. He grew up in Ebenezer, was baptized there, sang in the choir, gave his first trial sermon and was ordained there at age 19.

Morehouse College President Benjamin E. Mays influenced King's spiritual development, encouraging him to view Christianity as a force for progressive social change. King's studies of Thoreau and Gandhi's civil disobedience gave him tools – and philosophies – which he meshed with his Christian beliefs.

A fortuitous combination of "right time and right place" – and what he might call Divine Providence – placed King as pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist in Montgomery, Ala., a few months before Rosa Parks got sick and tired of giving up her bus seat to whites.

Parks was a well-respected, law-abiding member of the black community. King was young, charismatic, and had characteristics of leadership that brought together differing factions within the black community. Of course, the Montgomery Bus Boycott was wildly successful.

King moved back to Atlanta to be co-pastor with his father, and Ebenezer continued to be a focal point for developing civil rights strategies. It is where he "stirred the conscience of a



Left: The historic Ebenezer Baptist Church where Martin Luther King, Jr., his father and grandfather preached. Right: Dr. King's childhood home at 501 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta. (Photos: Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site)

nation," according to the website for the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site.

Of course, many black ministers had learned to "get along" with Jim Crow, to encourage their people to not make waves, because the repercussions were often severe. So this young upstart with his provocative tactics didn't sit well with all blacks.

King was greatly disappointed that white ministers were not rallying to the cause. He criticized them for making "a strange, un-Biblical distinction between body and soul, between the sacred and the secular."

This was the main thrust of King's social gospel theology, which was concerned "with the whole man, not only his soul but his body, not only his spiritual well-being, but his material well-being." After the victory in Montgomery, he developed the idea of the Beloved Community, where conflicts, which were necessary for growth, would be settled nonviolently.

"The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the Beloved Community." He said the goal was not to gloat or to be superior, but to turn enemies into friends for the greater good of all. At the basis is what he called agape love.

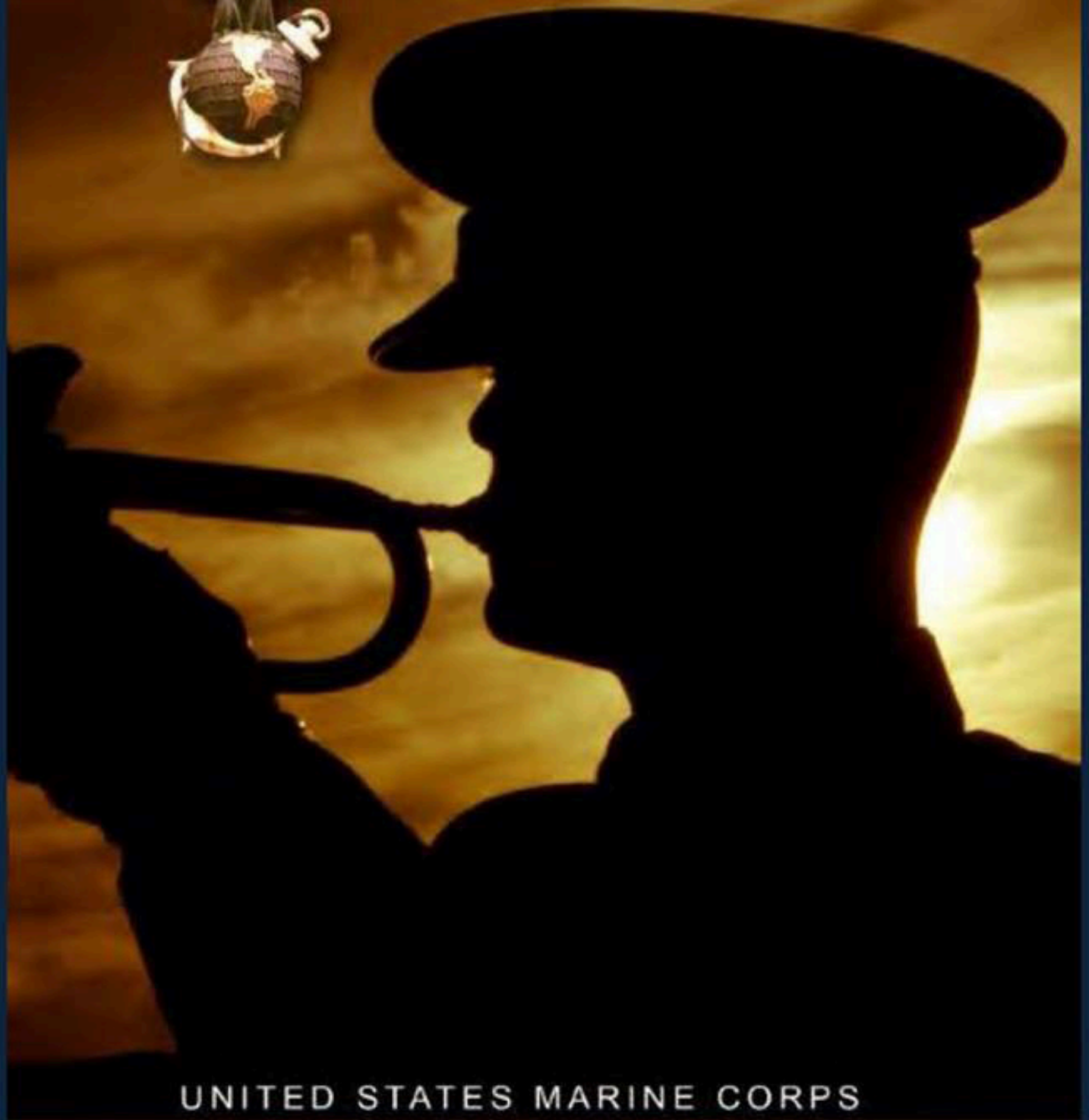
"Agape does not begin by discriminating between worthy and unworthy people. ... It makes no distinction between a friend and enemy; it is directed toward both. ... Agape is love seeking to preserve and create community."

King called these the great evils: racism, poverty, militarism and materialism. He knew that focusing exclusively on one issue addressed only part of the overall problem. He did not get a chance to continue this work. And these issues – now increasingly global – are still in the news today.

"We are all interrelated. Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere." Those are the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words.

Where will it lead? And will the spirit of Dr. King remain a force to be reckoned with as that journey continues?

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